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William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

ATTN: The Commission

RE: Petition For Reconsideration of the Sixth Report  
and Order In MM Docket No. 87-268, submitted by  
Liberty Christian Center, Licensee of Low Power  
Television Station W57BS, Alton, Illinois

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Liberty Christian Center is an original and 11 copies of its "Petition for Reconsideration" filed in connection with the above-referenced rulemaking proceeding.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, kindly contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTER

By: Joseph E. Dunne III  
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Its Attorney

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xc: Fred Church

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Before The  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
 )  
Advanced Television Systems )  
and Their Impact On ) MM Docket No. 87-268  
Existing Television Broadcast )  
Services )

To: The Commission

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Liberty Christian Center ("LCC"), licensee of low power television station W57BS, Alton, Illinois, by and through its undersigned attorney and pursuant to section 1.429 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 47 CFR § 1.429 (1997), hereby respectfully requests the Commission to reconsider its action in the above-captioned Report and Order, 62 FR 26684 (May 14, 1997), assigning channel 56 to KMOV, St. Louis, Missouri, as its DTV assignment, and, instead, assign channel 16 to KMOV, St. Louis. As grounds for its petition, LCC shows and states as follows.

**A. The Commission Proposal**

1. In the Sixth Report and Order in MM Docket No. 87-268 (hereinafter "Sixth Report and Order") the Commission assigned, as its DTV channel, channel 56 to KMOV, St. Louis, Missouri.

**B. The Effect of the Commission's Proposal**

2. As shown in the Engineering Statement attached in Exhibit 1, the transmitter site for KMOV is only 27 miles from the W57BS transmitter site. One of the basic assumptions of the DTV table of allocations is that the licensees' transmitter sites

instead of channel 56. This alternate assignment can be made without disrupting or ending any LPTV service, and without effecting the remainder of the Commission's proposed DTV Table of Allotments. See, Exhibit 1, p. 1. Because the licensee has been unable to access the complex computer software necessary to make such studies, the licensee has not been able to make a detailed study of these proposed frequencies with respect to the replication of NTSC coverage, nor has it been able to calculate the interference areas between and among DTV and NTSC facilities. It should be noted here, however, that the MSTV/NAB study also shows that channels other than channel 16 could be assigned to KMOV, St. Louis without any adverse impact on the Commission's proposed table of DTV allocations or W57BS' continued use of channel 57.

**D. The Public Interest**

**1. The Community of Alton, Illinois**

4. Alton is a community of over 33,000 located in Madison County, Illinois. No television station is licensed to Alton or any community in Madison county. No St. Louis station, however, provides any coverage to Alton or Madison County news or sporting events. See, Statement of Fred W. Church, Exhibit 2, p. 1. According to LCC's administrator "...we are noticed, if at all, only when something tragic happens in the community" Id. It is fair to say, then, that Alton and the surrounding communities are almost wholly bereft of any local television service, except, as will be shown below, that service which is provided by W57BS.

## **2. The Station's Existing Broadcast Service**

5. W57BS went on the air in June, 1994, and since then has been operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. See, Exhibit 2, p. 1. The station's program schedule is heavily leavened with local productions, averaging over 20 hours per week of unduplicated local programming. Id. That local programming includes a heavy dollop of local sports programming. For example, during a week chosen at random W57BS broadcast local boys' high school basketball games, local boys' hockey games, and, local girls' junior high school basketball games. In fact, W57BS broadcasts football and boys' and girls' basketball games for no less than seven different local high schools, from the Catholic Youth League, and mens' and womens' basketball, baseball and softball games from Lewis and Clark College and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville ("SIUE"). Exhibit 2, p. 2. Other local sports coverage broadcast by W57BS includes the East Alton Figure Skating Program and the Roxana High School annual weight-lifting event. W57BS also broadcasts a great deal of special event local programming. Each month the station broadcasts the City Council meetings of six local cities, including: Alton; Wood River; East Alton; and, Roxana. The station also broadcasts: the Roxana High School Band Concert; the Alton High School Winter Concert; the Bethalto Spirit Community Choir Program of "Christmas Then And Now;" the Alton High School String Band Concert; and, most of the productions of Alton High School's plays during the 1994-95 season.

6. W57BS also produces and broadcasts a number of locally produced regularly scheduled programs. 57 Live is a locally produced talk show which features interviews with the mayors of various communities, with local Police and Fire Chiefs, and local community leaders. Metro Vision is a magazine format talk show program during which community leaders are interviewed about community problems and discussions on how citizens can get involved are encouraged. Two local programs are designed to appeal to teenagers and young people. Rock the Nation is a program that relies on music and drama vignettes to explore themes that youth can relate to. Powersource is a local show that features music videos and discussions on topics like drug and alcohol abuse among teens, peer pressure, violence and youth gangs. Liberty is a locally produced worship service. Exhibit 2, p. 3.

7. Finally, W57BS provides a great deal of special event programming of particular interest and importance to the community. For example, W57BS broadcasts annually the Alton Memorial Day Parade, the oldest Memorial Day Parade in the nation. The station has also broadcast the Lincoln/Douglas Debate in Alton; the Granite City Fourth of July; the East Alton Soap Box Derby; the Wood River Chili Cook-Off; the Wood River Sidewalk Days; two benefit performances for Christopher Fink, a child afflicted with cancer; the Easter Seals Telethon; and, the Heartland Veterans Homecoming.

8. W57BS' long-standing and deep involvement in the community is recognized and appreciated by the community, which recognizes the value of W57BS' broadcast service. Attached in Exhibit 3 are letters from Alton and Madison County residents recounting the benefits which W57BS' program service provides the community. Among the letters are letters from the mayor of Alton; from a member of the Illinois State Assembly representing Alton; and, from various community organizations lauding the service which W57BS provides the community.

**3. Both Congress and the Commission Have Recognized that Protecting Existing LPTV Service Is In the Public Interest**

9. Both Congress and the Commission have recognized the important role that LPTV stations, such as W57BS, fulfill. Congress has shown that it regards LPTV stations as providing an essential and unduplicated public service by legislating that LPTV stations were, under certain conditions, eligible, for the first time, for mandatory carriage status on local cable systems. See, 47 U.S.C. §614(h)(2). In providing for that protection, however, Congress also made clear that its intent was to protect LPTV stations that provided local service to underserved communities. Clearly W57BS' service to Alton, as described in greater detail above, more than satisfies both the letter and intent of the local service criteria set by Congress for mandatory carriage status. A more recent expression of Congress' recognition of the role LPTV stations play in providing broadcast service to a number of primarily rural Americans was contained in

the introduction, on May 6, 1997, of the "Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1997," H.R. 1539, a bill which would provide certain protection to LPTV stations broadcasting three hours of local programming per week, which had no less than 33 co-sponsors. If three hours of local programming is the Congressional benchmark for the provision of local service valuable enough to be legislatively protected, then how valuable can W57BS' local service be accounted, since it provides more than seven times the amount of local programming per week which the legislation would establish as a benchmark.

10. Finally, the Sixth Report and Order itself also "recognized the benefits that low power television stations provide to the public." Sixth Report and Order In MM Docket No. 87-268, 62 FR 26684, ¶ 114. In the Sixth Report and Order the Commission made clear its stated purpose to adopt a table of DTV allocations which would "minimize the impact on LPTV stations." Sixth Report and Order, supra, ¶ 142. By the adoption of LCC's allocation proposal the Commission has the opportunity to further both the objectives of the Sixth Report, providing for maximum DTV coverage while protecting what is clearly a valuable broadcast station providing a needed local service to an underserved community. Not only is the W57BS service which would be protected local, and well regarded by the community, it is also service upon which the community has come to depend. Moreover, because an alternate channel is available for

opportunity to "minimize the impact" of DTV on at least one LPTV station. Adoption of LCC's proposal does not suggest the provision of a technically inferior channel to KMOV, and protects a valuable local broadcast service from, at a minimum, disruption, and, possibly, extinction. The people of Alton have a right to expect that they can continue to receive what is a valuable local service, particularly when the service can be protected at so little cost. Clearly the public interest is best served by protected the existing, unduplicated and meritorious local service provided by W57BS.

**E. Conclusion**

11. Alton is essentially a community with little or no local broadcast service. W57BS is a licensee with a solid record of providing an average of 20 hours per week of local program service. That local programming has run the gamut from a large amount of local sports programming to talk shows with magazine formats, even religious programming. W57BS during its time on the air has been a good citizen and has provided local coverage of city council meetings of many Madison County cities. The station has a consistent record of broadcasting local events of significance to the community--events which affirm the identity and vitality of the community and its residents. The station's outstanding broadcast service is recognized by a number of citizens, members of local organizations and local political leaders. LCC's proposed alternate channel is in no way technically or otherwise inferior to the channel assigned by the

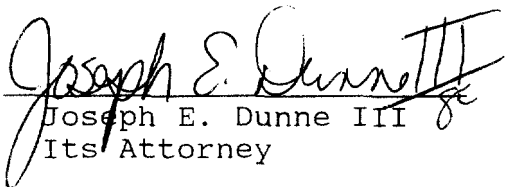


Commission, and does not disrupt the proposed table of allocations in any way. Adopting LCC's counterproposal will protect the outstanding local broadcast service that the residents of Alton and Madison County have come to depend on from W57BS. The adoption of the allocations proposed here will further the policy objectives of the Sixth Report and Order and preserve a valuable community resource. The public interest is clearly served by the adoption of the alternate channel assignment herein proposed.

**WHEREFORE**, the foregoing considered, Liberty Christian Center, respectfully requests the Commission to reconsider its action assigning channel 56 to KMOV, St. Louis, Missouri, and assign channel 16 to KMOV in lieu of channel 56.

Respectfully Submitted,

**LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTER**

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June 13, 1997

**LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTER**

**EXHIBIT 1**

**ENGINEERING STATEMENT**

## ENGINEERING STATEMENT

The engineering data contained herein have been prepared on behalf of LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTER ("Liberty"), licensee of Low-Power Television Station W57BS, Channel 57, Alton, Illinois, in support of its Petition for Reconsideration of the Commission's *Sixth Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 87-268 concerning the implementation of digital television (DTV) service.

In this proceeding the FCC assigned DTV channels to all eligible full-service television stations in the United States. However, in doing so, the Commission assigned DTV Channel 56 to KMOV, St. Louis, Missouri. This station is 27 miles from the W57BS transmitter site. At such distance W57BS will cause interference to and receive interference from DTV KMOV. As a result, KMOV's operating on DTV Channel 56 will force W57BS to cease operation on Channel 57. Should no alternative LPTV channel be available in Alton, W57BS will have to shut down entirely.

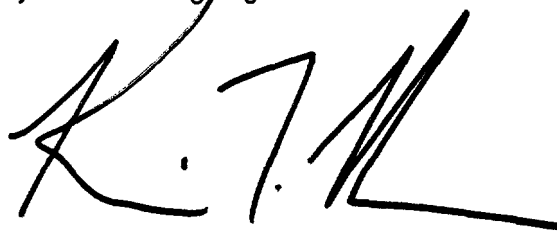
There do appear to be alternative DTV channels that could be assigned to KMOV. According to an MSTV/NAB computer study, "Alternative DTV Channel Assignments in the Continental United States," dated May 28, 1997, DTV Channel 16 could be assigned to this St. Louis station without displacing any LPTV or TV translator facility and without affecting the rest of the FCC's DTV Table of Allotments. Further, the MSTV/NAB study identified other alternative channels for KMOV.

It must be noted that we did not conduct a detailed study of this alternative DTV

channel with respect to replication of NTSC coverage, nor did we calculate interference areas between and among DTV and NTSC facilities, since the complex computer software that the FCC used to generate its proposed Table of Allotments is not accessible to the public. Therefore, further study of Liberty's proposed alternative allotment may be required, or another alternative channel may be found to be a better substitute allotment than Channel 16.

For now, based upon the information at hand, it is requested that the Commission assign DTV Channel 16 to KMOV, St. Louis. This action is clearly in the public interest, since it protects the viewers of W57BS from the loss of valued programing, and at the same time assists the FCC's implementation of the new DTV service in St. Louis. The Commission has stated that a goal of this proceeding is to minimize the impact of DTV on the LPTV and television translator segment of the broadcasting industry. Adoption of this alternative channel for KMOV would do just that.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. T. Fisher', with a stylized flourish at the end.

KEVIN T. FISHER

June 11, 1997

**LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTER**

**EXHIBIT 2**

**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF FRED CHURCH**

### VERIFIED STATEMENT

I, Fred W. Church, hereby affirm that the following statement is made under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of Illinois, and is true and correct.

1. I am the administrator of Liberty Christian Center ("LCC") licensee of low power television station W57BS, Alton, Illinois.

2. Alton, our community of license, is a community of almost 33,000 located in Madison County, Illinois. No television station is licensed to Alton, or to any community in Madison county. Alton is considered to be in the St. Louis television market and, indeed, in the St. Louis metropolitan area. However, no station in the St. Louis market covers local sports or local events in Alton or in Madison county on a consistent basis, and we are noticed by St. Louis stations, if at all, only if something tragic happens in the community. As an example, we made the news on the St. Louis stations when a military jet crashed in the Belthalto area close to Alton.

3. We filed an application for an LPTV station in 1993, and we began broadcasting on June, 1994. We have now been on-the-air for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for three years. We believe we are providing a valuable local service to Alton and to residents of Madison County. We are providing a service which no one else duplicates.

4. The main attraction to our programming is its local content. A current schedule of our programming is included in Attachment A. W57BS averages over 20 hours of local programming per week. As shown by the attached schedule, we broadcast a large

amount of local sports programming. During the week shown in the schedule, we broadcast local boys' high school basketball games, local boys' hockey games, and local girl's junior high basketball games. We broadcast: most of Roxanna High School's home football games; some of Wood River High School's home football games; all of Civic Memorial High School's boys' home basketball games; several of Marquette High School's boys' and girl's home basketball games; several Wood River High School's boys' and girls' home basketball games; two Catholic Youth League fifth and sixth grade girls' basketball games each Sunday during basketball season; several Lewis and Clark College boys' home basketball games; several Lewis and Clark College girls' home basketball games; several Lewis and Clark College girls' home softball games; several Lewis and Clark College home baseball games; some of South Illinois University-Edwardsville (SIUE) College boys' baseball home games; several SIUE College girl's softball home games; Roxana High School annual Weight Lifting event; and, the East Alton Figure Skating Program. All year long local sports is an important facet of our local programming.

5. During the over three years that we have served Alton, we have produced and broadcast a number of local community productions. These broadcasts included local music programs, local parades, and other local events. We attempt to cover and broadcast the city council meetings from area cities each month. We have covered and broadcast city council meetings for the following cities; Alton; Wood River; East Alton; Godfrey; Bethalto; and,

Roxana. We have broadcast the: Roxanna High School Band Concert; the Alton High School Winter Concert; the Belthalto Spirit Community Choir program of "Christmas Then and Now"; the Alton High School String Band Concert; and, most of Alton High School's plays for the 1994-95 season

6. W57BS is proud of the fact that it produces and broadcasts a number of local television programs. These include: 57 Live, a locally produced talk show which features guests such as city mayors, police and fire chiefs; and local community leaders from neighborhood watch, AIDS awareness, and the like; Metro Vision, a magazine talk show on which local community leaders, school officials, local office holders, etc. are interviewed, and information concerning how citizens can get involved, such as by volunteering in a hospice program, are discussed. Rock the Nation is a youth program taped live every Saturday night. The program relies heavily on music and drama and relates to themes that youth can identify with. The Powersource is a local show geared toward young people. The program features the latest videos and discussions on topics such as drug and alcohol use among teens, peer pressure, violence, youth gangs, etc. Liberty is a local church service aired every Sunday.

7. In addition to this regular schedule of local programs, W57BS also broadcasts a great many special event local programs. One of the most important is the Alton Memorial Day parade, the oldest Memorial Day parade in the nation. We also broadcast the Lincoln/Douglas Debate that took place in Alton; the Granity City



Wilson Park Fourth of July Kick-off; the Easter Sunrise Services at Roseland Memorial Gardens; the East Alton Soap Box Derby; the Wood River Chili Cook Off; the Wood River Sidewalk Days; two benefit performances for Christopher Fink, a four year old cancer patient; the Annual Easter Seals Telethon; the 1995 Alton Christmas Walk for Charity; and, the Heartland Veterans' Homecoming.

8. We are proud of the record of community service that we have compiled in so short a time. We believe that our station gives the community a sense of itself in a way that it never had before. We provide Alton with a voice that it didn't know it had. Local businesses are reaching consumers in a new way, and the community is better informed concerning local events and has a greater sense of itself than it did before we went on the air. We provide a necessary public service to the community, and we believe that our broadcast record should entitle us to some protection.

  
Fred W. Church

Executed this 12th day of June, 1997.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

# TV 57

W57BS Alton, IL

Program Schedule for Winter, '97

1/29/97

CT	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12:00 AM	Straight Talk from Teens	His Place	His Place	His Place	His Place	Local Basketball	Rock the Nation
12:30 AM		Home Life	Home Life	Home Life	Home Life		Solid Rock VDO
1:00 AM	Bonanza	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE		Solid Rock VDO
1:30 AM		"	"	"	"		
2:00 AM	Crosstalk	Faith Prints	Family Showcase	Family Enrichment	Gaither	From Teens	Family Theatre
2:30 AM	Central Message	(Documentaries)			Homecoming Tour		Joy of Music
3:00 AM	Page Two	Family Net					Young at Heart
3:30 AM	Bookfare	Movie					
4:00 AM	Prophecy in News	Classics					
4:30 AM	Holy Land Now/Then	Dobie Gillis					
5:00 AM	Real McCoys					Beverly Exercise	Living by the Word
5:30 AM	You Need to Know					Paul Guardian Exer.	Chr. World News
6:00 AM	Beverly Exercise					Plant Groom	Bookfare
6:30 AM	Victory with Billy Joe & Sharon Daugherty					Herbal Chef	The Lesson
7:00 AM	Shepherd's Chapel					Story Time	Jewish Jewels
7:30 AM						Brentwood Kids	Touching Lives
8:00 AM	John Hagee					Kids Like You	In Touch
8:30 AM	Bible & Life	Crossview	Gateway to Truth	Portrait of Marriage	At Home w/Arlene	Camp Cariboo	Frazer
9:00 AM	Benny Hinn					Sunshine Factory	Family Hour
9:30 AM	Joyce Meyer					Gerbert	Voice of Peachtree
10:00 AM	Hope For Life's Journey	Inspirational	Love Of God	Missions	The Winner's Way	Just Kids	Challenge for Living
10:30 AM	Central Message	Inspirational	Inspirational	Exalted Word	with Mae Hammond	Local Hockey THURS	The Alternative
11:00 AM	Liberty						Winning Walk
11:30 AM	Kenneth Copeland Daily					Rock the Nation	Pathway to Victory
12:00 PM	700 Club						Quentin Road
12:30 PM	Mitchells in the Morning					Local Basketball	Local Hockey SAT
1:00 PM	Direct Line						Origins
1:30 PM	w/ Paul Weyrich					Fri	Love Worth Finding
2:00 PM	Super Book					Beyond/Ch. 16	Carter Report
2:30 PM	Flying House					Country Crossroads	Dave Breese
3:00 PM	THE ROCK					At the Stage Door	Truth For Today
3:30 PM	Kids Like You	Sunshine Factory	Junior High	Sunshine Factory	Junior High	Southern Stage	Word for Today
4:00 PM	Pet Care Magazine	Bonanza	Girl's Basketball	Riverbend Sports	Girl's Basketball	Clark Family	Word in Action
4:30 PM	BOOKFARE	"					Baptist Hour
5:00 PM	Christian World News	POWER SOURCE	Nothing but the Truth	POWER SOURCE	Local Hockey THURS	Family Theatre	Day of Discovery
5:30 PM	Ozzie & Harriett		Ozzie & Harriett				Encouraging Word
6:00 PM	The Real McCoys	The Real McCoys	The Real McCoys	The Real McCoys	Best of Groucho		
6:30 PM	Local Hockey SAT	Corless Archer	Mother's in Law	Date w/Angels	You Need to Know	CCM	
7:00 PM		57 LIVE	Riverbend Sports	57 LIVE	Home Life	Weekend Jam	
7:30 PM	Frazer	Jesse Duplantis	Rock the Nation	Jesse Duplantis	Family Enrichment	Family Showcase	Local Basketball
8:00 PM	Family Hour	Liberty		Liberty			Fri
8:30 PM	Bonanza	Portrait of Marriage	Faithprints	Riverbend Sports	Just the Facts	Straight Talk from Teens	
9:00 PM	"	Marriage & Family	(Documentaries)		In Your Face	Night Light	
9:30 PM	Gospel	CCM	Just the Facts	Clark Family	Rock the Nation	Bottom Line	The Beat
10:00 PM	Soundstage	Weekend Jam	Night Light	Southern Stage			

Channel 57's goal is to be the showcase of the community with an ever increasing percentage of local programming to serve our viewers.

\*Subject to change without notice

CT = Central Time Zone

Local Programs	Family Net	LESEA	NET
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**LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTER**

**EXHIBIT 3**

**LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR W57BS**



## CITY OF ALTON

101 East Third Street  
Alton, IL 62002

Donald E. Sandidge  
Mayor

June 11, 1997

Fred Church, Administrator  
Liberry Christian Center  
3401 Fosterburg Rd.  
Alton, IL 62002

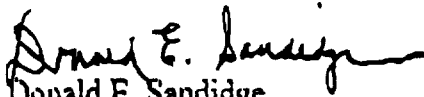
Dear Fred,

As Mayor of Alton, I would like to say that TV-57 is a valuable asset to our community. Your station has been on the air for about three years now, and I have watched it on several occasions. I am continually impressed with your emphasis on the area and our youth. The high school sports, bands and plays are an inspiration to our community. People are excited when they see local residents on television. I especially like your talk program, "57 Live", in which you recently had Sgt. Eschbach who received the Police Officer of the Year Award.

Your coverage of the Alton Memorial Day Parade each year is very important and beneficial to our home bound citizens. This is the oldest Memorial Day Parade in history, and an important part of our heritage. Also, the locally produced church and youth programs are a refreshing change from the norm.

This station is a vital part of our community, and I commend you for the good work. I hope your station remains in our area for years to come.

Sincerely,

  
Donald E. Sandidge  
Mayor

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**STEVE DAVIS**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 11TH DISTRICT

June 12, 1997

Fred Church, Administrator  
Liberty Christian Center  
3401 Fosterburg Road  
Alton, IL 62002

In re: Television Station TV-57 (W57BS) Alton, IL

Dear Mr. Church:

Thank you for providing Channel 57 to the Riverbend Community. It has proven to be a tremendous value to our area. The constituents in my District are pleased that you broadcast their local school sports, concerts, and plays. It is also great that you are broadcasting the area Council Meetings, Parades and local Election Results. I am also hearing positive remarks on your Church programs and youth programming. This is a great asset to our community.

I appreciate you being an integral part of our community. If there is anything I can do to assist you in your endeavors, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Davis".

Steve Davis  
State Representative  
11th District



## Madison County AIDS Interfaith Response

P.O. Box 1081  
Alton, Illinois 62002

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May 25, 1997

Fred Church Administrator  
Liberty Christian Center  
3401 Fosterburg Rd.  
Alton, IL 62002

Dear Fred,

I would like to speak on behalf of A.I.D.S. Interfaith Response on how much your station has meant to us. It is a very difficult job to get the word out to our community about this devastating disease. You have been open to letting us discuss our educational programs and fund raisers on air. It has helped to recruit new volunteers for our organization.

A.I.D.S. is a very real threat in our community, and if we don't keep it in the foremost of peoples minds it can devastate all of us. Your stations has helped ban people together. It has helped people living with A.I.D.S. to know we are here to help.

Thank you so much for being here and caring.

God Bless You All,

Bobbie Vandalia  
A.I.D.S. Interfaith Response

**IBEW  
649**



**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD  
OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

AFL-CIO, GLC

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

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**FREDERICK A. REDD**  
PRESIDENT

June 12, 1997

W57BS TV  
Mr. Al Manning  
3401 Fosterburg Road  
Alton, IL 62002

Dear Mr. Manning,

We at IBEW 649 would like to thank the employees and management of W57BS for their contribution to the community over the last three years. Your coverage of the Labor Day Parade over the years has been of particular interest to our members along with some of the other programming your station offers.

As changes occur within the television industry, we here at local 649 hope your type of television is not lost to our local community. Your station is a valuable asset to the citizens of the area allowing local input and views. Please keep up the good work!

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack Tueth".

**Jack Tueth**  
Business Manager  
IBEW Local 649







**Easter Seal Society of Southwestern Illinois**

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Macoupin, Madison,  
Monroe, and St. Clair*

February 23, 1995

Mr. Fred Church, President  
Channel 57  
3401 Fosterburg Road  
Alton, IL 62002

Dear Mr. Church:

On behalf of the Easter Seal Society of Southwestern Illinois, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for airing our Telethon on Sunday, February 19th.

This year's telethon was our best yet -- we raised over \$25,000. A portion of this money was raised in the way of Corporate Sponsorships but the phone pledges made during the telecast were higher than any of our previous telethons as well.

Again, thank you for your interest and support. It's been a pleasure working with you.

With appreciation,

*Carol*

Carol Wike Nudo  
Executive Director

CWN/ajm